



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ally *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/845,784

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For: **Gel Loading Adaptor**

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Examiner: To be Assigned

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination of the application. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A statement of each claim to be canceled;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17-28 without prejudice to or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

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Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-16 are pending in the application, with 1, 11 and 15 being the independent claims. Claims 17-28 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 17-28 are canceled.

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